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SAM MIKE NEWMAN, owner of the office building located at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, residence address 1337 Mithra Street, New Orleans, advised that approximately eight to nine months ago he rented office space at 544 Camp Street, which he believed was office number 6 or 7 to several Cubans, names unknown, who were with the Cuban Revolutionary Association. Mr. NEWMAN said he had seen these Cubans previously around the office of GUY BANISTER, Guy Banister Associates, but he did not know their names. Mr. NEWMAN stated he believes one of these individuals was SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH who at that time appeared to be the head of the organization but was later replaced by LUIS RABEL. He said that SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH after being replaced as head of the organization was engaged in selling life insurance in New Orleans. NEWMAN stated that LUIS RABEL could be contacted at telephone numbers WH 7-5544 and 288-7905.

Mr. NEWMAN stated the Cuban Revolutionary Association did not have any money to pay rental on the office space at the time they obtained this space but were to pay rental to him from proceeds derived from a city wide fund collecting campaign they were conducting to raise money for the Cuban people.

Mr. NEWMAN related that the Cuban Revolutionary Association occupied office space at 544 Camp Street for approximately three or four months during which time they did not pay him any rental on the office space they occupied. He said that approximately 1½ months after they moved from the premises he received a check for $100 from a Mr. GRIMALDI located in the Audubon Building, who was a volunteer bookkeeper for the organization.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was exhibited to Mr. NEWMAN at which time he advised that to the best of his knowledge he has no recollection of seeing OSWALD in or around the building located at 544 Camp Street and does not have any recollection of any individual by that name contacting him in regard to the rental of office space in his building.

Mr. NEWMAN further informed that he has never rented office space to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or

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anyone representing that organization. He further stated that he has not been contacted by or rented office space to anyone by the names of V. T. LEE, A. J. HIDELL, A. T. HIDELL, ALEK JAMES HIDELL or O. H. LEE.

Mr. NEWMAN recalled that not over two months ago a man telephonically contacted him wanting to rent an office in the building and at that time furnished his name and the name of the organization he represented but Mr. NEWMAN was unable to recall either name. Mr. NEWMAN stated he is certain the name of the organization had nothing to do with Cuba. The individual who telephonically contacted him wanted the office open at night for meetings of the organization and informed him all he needed was a desk and about fifteen chairs. Mr. NEWMAN stated he had no further contact with this unknown individual who had telephonically contacted him. However, he stated that he believes his janitor, JAMES ARTHUS saw this individual at the building at 544 Camp Street, and talked to him.

Mr. NEWMAN further recalled that about nine or ten months ago a tall, thin man, about 38 years of age, with dark hair contacted him and arranged for the rental of office space at the building at 544 Camp Street. This man told him that he worked as an electrician during the day and desired to teach Spanish at night. This unknown man paid one month's rent of $30 or $40 in advance. Mr. NEWMAN said this individual came back the following week and informed him that he had been unable to get enough students to enroll in the Spanish course to "justify fooling with the class" and that he had changed his mind and no longer wanted the office space. The man told NEWMAN to keep the money he had paid in advance rent. Mr. NEWMAN said that he would endeavor to locate a record of this individual's name and if successful he would furnish the name of this individual to the FBI.

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FRANK BARTES, 1608 Mason Smith Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, delegate to the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that SERGO ARCACHA SMYTH was formerly the delegate for the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans, Louisiana. BARTES stated that the Cuban Revolutionary Council is an anti-Castro organization.

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GUY BANISTER, Guy Banister Associates, Inc., 531 Lafayette Street, New Orleans, was telephonically contacted on November 25, 1963 and advised that SERGO ARCACHA SMITH of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, who was the head of that organization in New Orleans, Louisiana, some time ago, had told him on one occasion that he, SMITH, had an office in the building located at 544 Camp Street. Mr. BANISTER stated that he had seen a young Cuban man with SMITH on a number of occasions in the vicinity of 544 Camp Street, but could not recall the name of this young man.

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